

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which applicants regard as their invention. The claim amendments are based on the entire description of the invention.

As disclosed at page 6, lines 5-15 of the description, the triterpenoid, which has an acid group, by adding a base is converted to a salt with surface activity. The transformed triterpenoid salt acts as a surfactant of high HLB and forms a mixed micelle system when mixed with low HBL lipids. Once an emulsion is formed an acid is added to convert the triterpenoid salt to its acid form and thereby loses its surface activity. This change from a mixed micelle system to a liposome allows substantial quantities of the triterpenoid to be incorporated at a high concentration and uniformity into a liposome.

The amended claims clearly state the acid/salt/acid complex that was formed and then reformed to prepare the sub-micron liposomes.

Favorable consideration of the above claims is solicited.

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is responsive to the issues raised in the Official Action of June 7, 2007.

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